

Appendix B - SEP proposal

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Farhad Azimzadeh
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Francisco Bay Region
1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400
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Subject: Mandatory Minimum Penalty Complaint No. R2-2003-0084
GTE Operations Support, Inc., 100 Ferguson Drive, Mountain View, CA

Dear Mr. Azimzadeh:

This letter is in response to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB) letter dated October 3, 2003 regarding Complaint No. R2-2003-0084. GTE Operations Support, Inc. (GTEOSI) has selected to waive the right to a hearing before the California Regional Water Quality Control Board with regard to the violations alleged in the complaint and to complete a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) in lieu of the suspended penalty in the amount of \$12,000. An executed copy of the "Waiver of Hearing" form is enclosed.

GTEOSI respectfully submits the enclosed SEP proposal from the Marine Service Institute (MSI) for the CRWQCB's consideration. MSI is a non-profit organization that provides hands-on discovery based marine service education programs to students throughout the San Francisco Bay area.

As the MSI proposal indicates, funding from GTEOSI would support:

- 16 Discovery Voyages
- 6 Shore-Side Programs (Waterfront and Classroom)
- 20 Outreach In-School Programs
- Serve approximately 1470 students for the 2003/2004 school year

Reporting on this project would include a 6-month and one-year final report. The report would include a summary on the allocation of funds, list of participating schools and number of students served, teacher evaluations and program descriptions.

Should you have any questions, please give me a call at (972) 718-6032.


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c: John Moody
Stephen O'Kane
Jeff Judd
David Feldman
Loretta K. Barsamian

Dear Ms. McCormick,

I am writing to introduce the Marine Science Institute, a non-profit organization that provides hands-on, discovery based marine science education programs to students throughout the San Francisco Bay Area and Northern California.

MSI has been helping to cultivate responsibility for the natural environment and human communities since 1970, and in the past year alone hosted 32,000 students and adults. In over 33 years of service, MSI has earned an unparalleled record for safety, innovation, and integrity.

Our programs strive to accomplish two things: to ignite excitement and confidence in students in the field of science, and to tailor our programs to meet teachers' specific needs so that they can fulfill the educational standards and take our curriculum back to their classrooms.

Funding from GTE would support our three main ongoing programs:

1. The *Discovery Voyage program* takes students on a four-hour exploration of the San Francisco Bay Estuary. On board, they catch and identify fish, test the properties of bay water, and dig through mud samples from the bottom of the Bay.
2. Our *Shoreside Program* allows younger students to experience the bay in our waterfront lab and classrooms.
3. For the *Outreach Program*, our instructors take live marine animals out to the schools, and provide programs in the classrooms.

A \$12,000 donation from GTE and the San Francisco Estuary Project would support 16 Discovery Voyages and 26 land programs for roughly 1,470 students from schools throughout the Bay Area and Northern California. With school budgets declining every year, these extra funds become more and more critical for helping students learn science and environmental stewardship in a natural, outdoor environment.

Our programs have grown steadily over the past 33 years, and every year we strive to reach out to more and more students. We hope we can partner with GTE and the SF Estuary Project to bring science and stewardship to life to our local Bay Area schools and communities.

Please contact me if you need any further information about the Institute. You are welcome to come visit us anytime and see a program in action. Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Megan K. O'Mahony
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GTE 2003 Funds
MARINE SCIENCE INSTITUTE

October 2, 2003

	<u>Ship</u>	<u>Shoreside</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Total MSI Programs	360	125	320	805
GTE Programs	16	6	20	42
Students	560	210	700	<u>1,470</u>

\$12,000 from GTE will help support 1,470 students to participate in 42 programs. For the 2003-2004 school year, the funds represent 3.6% of all program contributions, and will support 5.2% of our total programs.

GTE 2003 Budget

Discovery Voyages	9,600
Shoreside Programs	540
Outreach Programs	<u>1,800</u>
Total Contribution	\$ <u>12,000</u>

Schools Pay

Discovery Voyage	14,400
Shoreside Programs	1,440
Outreach Programs	<u>1,900</u>
Total School Fees	\$ <u>17,740</u>
Total Project Budget	\$ <u><u>29,740</u></u>

